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SUBJECT: 25TH UNDP GOVERNING COUNCIL SESSION -- BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE -- ITEM 17(G) ON JIU REPORT ON ROLE OF EXPERTS

REF: (A) GENEVA 9633; (B) STATE 161673

- 1. AT INFORMAL MEETING ON 27 JUNE, THE BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE HAMMERED OUT A DRAFT RESOLUTION ON THE SUBJECT ITEM WHICH GOES A LONG WAY TOWARD MEETING OUR OBJECTIVES AS COMPARED TO THE ORIGINAL DRAFT TEXT (REF A). THIS WAS MADE POSSIBLE IN IMPORTANT PART BY THE EMERGING CONSENSUS, EXPRESSLY SUPPORTED BY INDIA AND USSR, THAT THE COUNCIL AT THIS SESSION SHOULD NOT ENDORSE ANY OF THE SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE JIU REPORT PENDING FURTHER STUDY BY CAPITALS OF THOSE RECOMMENDATIONS AND THE ATTENDANT INTER-AGENCY COMMENTS.
- 2. THE PRINCIPAL CHANGES FROM THE ORIGINAL DRAFT TEXT ARE:
- (A) ELIMINATE AT START OF PARA 4 QUOTE ENDORSES THE UNCLASSIFIED

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PRINCIPLE UNDERLYING THE CONCEPT AND PROPOSALS PUT FORWARD BY THE JOINT INSPECTION UNIT IN REGARD TO GOVERNMENT MANAGEMENT AND, IN THIS CONNECTION, EMPHASIZES THE FOLLOWING UNQUOTE WITH QUOTE REAFFIRMS THE PRINCIPLE OF GOVERNMENT MANAGEMENT AND, IN THIS CONNECTION, RECALLS THE FOLLOWING UNQUOTE. (COMMENT: THE NEW LANGUAGE THEREFORE NEITHER BREAKS NEW GROUND ON GOVERNMENT MANAGEMENT NOR

GIVES EXPRESS SUPPORT TO THE RELATED VIEWS OF THE JIU REPORT.)

(B) PARA 4(B) WAS MODIFIED TO READ QUOTE WITHIN THIS BROAD CONCEPT OF GOVERNMENT MANAGEMENT, THE GOVERNMENT MAY EXECUTE THE PROJECT UNDER GOVERNMENT EXECUTION ARRANGEMENTS, AS APPROVED AT THE TWENTY SECOND AND TWENTY THIRD SESSIONS OF THE COUNCIL, THUS RETAINING FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR ALL ASPECTS OF PROJECT EXECUTION, OR MAY UTILIZE THE TRADITIONAL EXECUTION ARRANGEMENTS UNQUOTE. (COMMENT: THE INSERTION OF QUOTE AS APPROVED AT THE TWENTY SECOND AND TWENTY THIRD SESSIONS OF THE COUNCIL UNQUOTE CAREFULLY DEFINES THE SCOPE OF THE CONCEPT OF GOVERNMENT EXECUTION AND PLACES IT WITHIN ESTABLISHED COUNCIL POLICIES WITHOUT SINGLING IT OUT AS A PREFERRED METHOD OF PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION. END COMMENT.)

(C) IN WHAT IS AN EQUALLY IMPORTANT AND SELF-EVIDENT POLICY MODIFICATION OF THE ORIGINAL DRAFT TEXT, PARA 5(A) WAS CHANGED AS FOLLOWS. ELIMINATE QUOTE IMPLEMENT THOSE MEASURES CITED IN THE REPORT OF THE JIU WHICH HAVE ALREADY BEEN INTRODUCED IN PRACTICE AND THOSE OTHER MEASURES WHICH HAVE BEEN RECOGNIZED IN THE JOINT COMMENTS OF UNDPAND THE OTHER UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM ORGANIZATIONS AS PRESENTING LITTLE OR NO CONCEPTUAL OR PRACTICAL DIFFICULTY UNQUOTE AND REPLACE WITH QUOTE ASSESS THE STATUS OF UNCLASSIFIED

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IMPLEMENTATION OF THOSE MEASURES CITED IN THE REPORT OF THE JIU WHICH HAVE ALREADY BEEN INTRODUCED IN PRACTICE ON THE BASIS OF PREVIOUS DECISIONS OF THE COUNCIL UNQUOTE.

3. COMMENT: IT IS NOW GENERALLY UNDERSTOOD BY ALL DELEGATIONS AND AGENCIES THAT THERE IS A CLEAR OPERATIONAL AND CONCEPTUAL DISTINCTION BETWEEN THE TERMS GOVERNMENT MANAGEMENTS AND GOVERNMENT EXECUTION OF UNDP PROJECTS. VANDEN HEUVEL

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